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The total receipts of the Stewart sale pictures totalled up \$612,760.

The Louisville Commercial's canvass of Kentucky on the senatorial brought out responses from forty-seven counties, eighteen of which were reported to favor B. F. Stanard and ten Carlisle.

Now that ex-Representative Morrison has been provided with a place on the Interstate Commission we imagine he has changed his opinion of the duties of that body which he declared a year ago would be nothing more or less than "to travel over the country on free passes and board at the expense of the Government."

An actress in New York who had taken offense at certain articles that appeared in a German newspaper went for the editor in true pugnacious style, causing him to beat a hasty retreat in a somewhat damaged condition. Hereafter said editor should be cautious in his references to that particular actress or employ Sullivan as a body guard to defend him from further assault.

The New York Evening Post says that the Reform League of Baltimore has gained a strong point in favor of honest elections through a recent decision of the Court relative to the registration law. The same league, however, made little headway in its efforts in behalf of honest appointments although it labored with this so-called reform Administration for a long time in the case of the notorious Higgins who is still a shining light in Cleveland politics.

The Boston Herald refers to the Providence Journal as "one of the oldest and ablest and most reputable of Republican papers in the nation." It was all that, but that reputation was obtained by the uncompromising championing of Republican principles long before the present editor was ever heard of. It has added nothing to its reputation under the present management, but on the other hand has deteriorated to the level of Mugwump politics about the meanest thing in a political sense known to the people of the present day.

There is a painful degree of frigidity around the Surgeon-General's office these days. The President appointed the present incumbent against the expressed wish of Secretary Endicott, and the latter gentleman has placed in the office as a subordinate a doctor who is objectionable to the Surgeon-General who says: "The Secretary of War may order whom he pleases, but he can't control my control over other officers." Reformer Endicott may find it necessary to order out a detachment of the militia to place the Surgeon-General's department under proper subjection.

Carter Harrison has once more changed his mind and this time it seems settled that he will not run as the Democratic candidate for Mayor in Chicago. He has written a letter to the Democratic committee in which he scolds the press, declares that the President is working against him through his lieutenants in Chicago and informs the party that it must find some one else for a candidate. There is no doubt that Harrison is bad, but underneath all this bluster is the conviction that the ring is doomed. It is year and he evidently proposes to desert the wreck in ample season.

It is reported that the President has about decided to appoint Mr. Fairchild as Mr. Manning's successor. Now that this change has been necessitated in the Cabinet, the President would do well to extend the work of reorganization to the Law Department and get rid of Mr. Garland of the Electric game. His presence in the Cabinet more than counteracts the daily gush in the Mugwump organ about the purity of the Cleveland administration. Until Garland retires there should be less talk about a public office being a public trust.

The Boston Herald after an examination of the situation comes to the conclusion that the probability of Mr. Blaine's nomination is "very strong," and that it would be difficult to point to one state that favored him three years ago that is not still his supporter, while there are several instances in which he may hope to make gains. This is especially referred to in the New York Evening Post which is just now trying to show that Mr. Blaine is losing ground. There is really no sense in the Post's attempt to ignore the fact of Mr. Blaine's increasing strength as nothing is to be gained thereby, but the policy of that paper is to carefully exclude the truth from its references to the Republican leader. It lied about him all through the campaign and now keeps it up from force of habit.

Lewis H. Stanton, of Morris, Minn., son of the late Edwin M. Stanton, acting for and with the concurrence of the surviving members of the family, has selected and secured the services of George C. Gorham, of Washington, formerly secretary of the Senate, to write a biography of the great War Minister. All the private papers of the late Secretary have been placed in Mr. Gorham's hands to aid him in the work, and Mr. Stanton is obtaining from all available sources letters written by his father and interesting information concerning him. Secretary Stanton left a great deal of unpublished history of interest and importance, which will be given to the world in this authorized biography. Mr. Gorham has undertaken to engage actively in the work, and hopes to complete it in about two years.

For some time past no small amount of interest has centered in the ocean yacht race and the columns of the WHIG have been carefully scanned each morning for information concerning the progress of the contest. It was reported once that the Dauntless was the winner, but this proved incorrect, as the Coronet passed over the line yesterday at a little before noon, while her competitor had not been heard from at the time the first information of the arrival of Coronet was sent out. The sailing time was fourteen days and nine hours, and the Coronet proved to be an excellent boat in every particular, arriving in fine condition despite the rough weather. She was admirably handled by Capt. Crosby who is a Malacca skipper, as in fact is the captain of the Dauntless. The story of the trip over is given in detail in the telegraph columns of the WHIG this morning.

A Mugwump organ solemnly declares that it is impossible to bring the Republican party "abreast with the times." Just what is meant by this phrase is not so clear. The Republican party from its birth has ever been "abreast with the times" on all the great questions of national significance. If, as we imagine, however, this phrase means according to the Mugwump definition that hypocritical farce now enacted at Washington under the leadership of Grover Cleveland, who bid for an election by pledge to the people which he never intended to fulfill, or if he did fail in every particular, our Mugwump contemporary is quite correct. We have had two years of latr sort of thing and the people are sick of it. The elections last fall clearly demonstrated this fact and next year will witness the downfall of this bogus concern.

And what will Mr. Cleveland and his official assistants say about it? next year when the Republican orators summon them to the stand as conclusive witnesses to the alleged spotless character of the Republican party?

The above is the closing paragraph of a long editorial in the New York Sun pointing out the failure of the administration to show up Republican corruption in the different departments. The Cleveland administration would afford a complete vindication, if it was needed, against the charge of the Democratic press of official corruption under Republican rule. It would not have been a matter of any great surprise in the administration of a government like ours, after a long term of uninterrupted rule, the Democrats had found some weak spots which could have been distorted to suit their purpose, but the fact that they have absolutely failed to find the slightest foundation for their charge against the Republican party, although for the past two years in full possession of the machinery of the government, with the books wide open for their inspection, affords a magnificent endorsement of the fidelity with which the peoples' affairs have been managed under Republican administrations. Per contra how is it with President Cleveland's administration? With only two years of his term expired his Cabinet is tainted with a scandal that, in the language of the Sun itself, "exposes the boldest and most revolting exploit" ever charged against the Republicans by the bitterest Democrat. The people are thinking about these facts.

The Inter-State Commerce Law. (Boston Herald)

The work of the Inter-State commerce commission begins to appear in an important light. Upon that body will rest the final decisions—decisions final, unless appealed to the courts change them; and decisions that may make the law an oppression, or, as the framers designed, a suitable of equalization and adjustment of unjust freight discriminations. Traffic agents are busy arranging rates to conform with the law, and in hundreds of cases they have already notified shippers and receivers of staple merchandise that after April 15 rates will be increased. They are preparing to fix and adjust rates under the long and short haul clause of the law, and as far as Boston is concerned, at least, it is safe to say that the tendency is toward higher rates from the West.

The trunk lines have been adjusting the grain rates to the seaboard. They have taken the shortest haul as the basis, and have made the rate to New York twenty-four cents per 100 pounds, exactly the same as the former rate; but for Boston, a longer haul it is admitted, the new rate is thirty cents. Again the butter and cheese trade of this city has been notified of an increase in rates from the West after April 15. The wool trade is also notified of an increase in rates from the Pacific coast of about 35 per 100 pounds, a rate which must prove prohibitory. To say the least, the workings of the interstate law are not looking well for Boston, though prominent freighting agents here are on record as trying to quiet apprehensions by saying that the matter will come out all right; indeed, it is possible that Boston is ultimately to get even lessened rates when the work of adjustment of short hauls shall have been completed.

But it cannot be denied that the agents of the trunk lines are very naturally basing the rates they are adjusting on the existing rates for short hauls, and that the tendency is rather to increase the long haul rates to defray very severely from the short haul rates.

The design of the bill was ostensibly to existing injustices in the division of distances hauled; but that it should not be done chiefly by raising the long haul rates is very plain; and, in reason, it may be asked that if the entire adjustment be left to the railroads, will not such a course, in the main, be taken? It is true that there is the commission to set all the railroads, but it looks at the present time as though the pile of grievances were to tower above the possibility of a work of years. Freight may be paid under protest, but when it comes to takes years for a protest to be reached, where will trade and commerce be?

The injustice toward Boston is not a question to be passed lightly over. In the first place, the difference of five cent per bushel in favor of New York is sufficient to kill Boston's export grain trade, and under the law, a law presumed to equalize and regulate unjust discriminations, should such a rate be allowed? The commission is the tribunal to decide this question. There is to be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, which meeting will doubtless choose a committee to appoint a committee to early call upon the commission to lay this state of affairs before them. The results of the first case under the new law, of deep interest to Boston, will be anxiously looked for.

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